Survey for gauge conversion of Bharuch-Vishawamitri rail line

4261. SHRI AHMED PATEL; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey for gauge conversion of NG line of Bharaiich-Samni-Jambusar-Vishwamitri in the State of Gujarat has been completed;

(b) if so, by when the gauge conversion work on the said line will be started;

(c) whether funds have been earmarked for the work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This line has been covered in the proposed 3rd line from Ahmedabad to Virar.

The justification for the Third line is under examination.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Closing of Approach Roads For Anand Vihar Railway Station

4262. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware that both the approach roads for Anand Vihar Railway station are being closed by means of installing iron gates thereon resulting a lot of inconvenience/difficulties to commuters;

(b) whether these activities are being done in connivance of Railway authorities to prepare the ground for shifting the existing platforms some 200-300 mts. towards Tilak Bridge on the plea of approach roads; and

(c) what action have been taken to remove the iron gates and turn down the proposal of shifting the' platform as proposed by technical team of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Yes, Sir. The gates erected are not on Railway land.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the Civil authorities and the concerned residents association for removal of the gates. Railway has no proposal to shift the platform.

Escalators in Calcutta Metro Stations

4263. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) the number of escalators installed and in operation at the different stations of the Calcutta Metro System,

(b) whether net earnings of the metro system are not inhibited because of the lack of a larger number of escalators; and

(c) measures Government purpose to undertake to increase the number of installed escalators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) 32 escalators have already been installed at Calcutta Metro stations and are in operation.

(b) Net earnings of the Metro System ^re not inhibited because of lack of larger niJinber of escalators.